

March 16, 2014

Minutes of the Combined March 3, 2014 and March 6, 2014 Ad Hoc Committee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM by B. Manchester (Chair). The meeting spanned two days, due to time constraints.

Present at the meeting were members Bob Manchester (chair), Joel Hellmann, Bob Dillon, Mike Minardi (assessor) and John Harker (secretary). Also in attendance from Assessment Advisory Group (AAG) were Bob Finnegan, Dick Finnegan and Bruce Sauter on March 3. Richard Nagel of Northeast Revaluation (NER) attending the meeting of March 6 and submitted a revaluation status report to the AHC

2. Approve Minutes:

The minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with changes. It was added that committee member Joel Hellmann, in open dialogue with the committee, took exception to the concept of functional depreciation, as it applied to the Spindrift sale. The minutes were amended with J. Hellmann's comments.

3. Review of the Latest Standards Draft to Include Public Comment

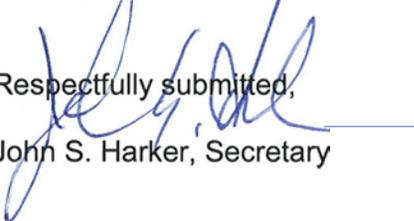
The Ad Hoc Committee (AHC), over two days of discussion that comprised four hours, reviewed all the pages of the latest iteration of the standards draft. The approach and method were presented by Bob and Dick Finnegan with discussion, by page.

All pages were reviewed, to include public comment.

Of substance on the latest two day AHC review included a) neighborhood influence over point/distance measurements, b) the affordable housing dialogue is seen as a legal one, well beyond the AHC, save for the AHC's interest in complying with the RI Constitution and that it should be left off the standards issue, for now c) a question on whether or not the AHC, through J. Harker research look to inform the Barrington citizenry through the Board of Assessing Review (BAR) on legal principles as they relate to appeals, d) defining the adequacy of comparables such that appellants can properly prepare an appeal, e) should there be a Board of Assessment Review checklist (as previously provided by the Assessor to the BAR), on what to consider regarding an appeal, and f) is it sensible to rename the area currently on the Warren/Barrington River to allow for proper discrimination on Matthewson Road.

It was noted by J. Hellman that the AHC could approach the charter review committee with regard to a qualified sale.

Respectfully submitted,


John S. Harker, Secretary